

21 and 23; Species II, Claims 9-13 and Subspecies 2b, Claims 11 and 12 for further prosecution at this time.

The basis for Applicant's traversal is that there is no undue burden on the Examiner. The Examiner has indicated that all of the claims of Group I and Group II, as well as the claims of the included species and subspecies are classified in Class 452, subclass 149. It is therefore reasonable that any search conducted for the elected Group I, Species II, and Subspecies 2b, would necessarily also encompass a search through the prior art directed to all of the non-elected Group II claims. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that it would not overly burden the Examiner to fully examine all of the claims of the present application at this time.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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